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A new five-million-dollar State capital building will be one of the questions that the next Legislature will probably consider.

A population of 5,000,000 for Missouri is the mark set by the State Immigration Association at its meeting in Jefferson City last week.

Merry Christmas to all Times readers. If you are as merry, joyous and full of contentment as we wish you, your longings are all satisfied.

Congress sat down very emphatically on President Roosevelt's spelling reform propaganda. If it would do the same with some of the President's other bad spells it would receive the plaudits of a much-disgusted people.

A timely States' rights debate is promised the country in the Senate after the holidays. A resolution introduced by Senator Raynor of Maryland to limit the President's authority within the bounds of the Constitution and the laws enacted in pursuance thereof, will be the exciting cause of the debate.

The President and his Secretary of State are traveling the Hamiltonian centralization route a little too strenuously to suit some of the more staid old stagers of his party. They are a little dazed at the pace, and Senator Cullom has been surprised into remarking after reading Secretary Root's New York speech: "I had thought that we had one safe and sane man in the Cabinet, and that that man was Root; it is clear that my opinion will now have to be revised."

American sports are dangerous as well as strenuous, and the fatalities resulting from them mount up into the hundreds, the total for this year being 410. This is an increase over last year of four and over 1904 of 117. Football, which is considered by many as the most dangerous, comes fourth in the class of fatalities, though this may be because of the shortness of the football season. The fatalities for the year are recorded as follows: Mountain climbing, 191; auto-mobiling, 110; hunting, 72; football, 11; baseball, 8; boating, 4; cycling, 5; horse racing, 2; boxing, 4; wrestling, 2; gymnastics, polo and golf 1 each.

It is reported from Jefferson City that a proposition will probably be submitted to the next Legislature to bond the State for \$25,000,000 or more for road improvement. Of course it will be in the

form of a constitutional amendment to be voted upon by the people. It is not proposed that the State shall donate the funds created by the sale of the bonds to the counties as a gift, but that each county shall provide an equal sum to the amount which it receives from the State to be used in like manner for the construction of macadamized roads, and expended under a State highway commission modeled after the public school system. For instance, if a county applied for \$100,000 it would have to furnish another \$100,000, making the total amount to be expended in that county \$200,000. If such a constitutional amendment should be submitted for ratification by the people, there will be ample time for them to study and inform themselves of the great advantages to be derived from this broad and comprehensive plan of highway improvement. We are disposed to believe that it would be a good thing for the State.

## ROOSEVELT, ROOT, REVOLUTION

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root are exelling Hamilton in their centralization ideas. There is a good deal of it in the President's message, and more in Secretary Root's recent New York speech, which some people think was inspired by the President himself. This speech is construed by many leading statesmen as a direct plea for increasing Federal power to the point of absorbing State governments, and is not received with favor even by leading Republicans. The whole Constitution would have to be revolutionized to carry out some of the policies outlined in the President's message and Mr. Root's speech, and the encroachment, if not absolute usurpation of authority, on the part of our strenuous President, has already aroused the resentment of States' rights people, so that there is not much danger of Congress submitting or the States ratifying constitutional amendments along these lines. Senator Foraker cuttingly remarks, "I think we had better hold on to the Constitution," and Senator Raynor of Maryland ironically observes that "All we would have to do to put Secretary Root's idea into effect would be to write another Constitution." Our dual form of government, with its local self-government of the States and the restrictions thrown around the Federal government by the Constitution, which jealously reserves to the States all the rights not delegated by them to the Federal government, is the best ever

devised by the wisdom of man. Even with this restriction in the Constitution, encroachments have been made upon the rights reserved by the States; and Congress would do well to call an emphatic halt on the treasonable one-man-power heresies of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

## Death of Philip Lorenz.

Mr. Philip Lorenz, one of Farmington's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home at four o'clock Tuesday morning, December 18, 1906. Mr. Lorenz was born in Niederhansen, Germany, February 22, 1833. He came to America in 1857 and about the middle of June of that year settled at Iron Mountain, later coming to Farmington in 1859. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Union army and served three years in the First Missouri Artillery. On October 12, 1865, he was married to Miss Mary Noidert. To this union ten children were born, nine of whom are living—six sons and three daughters. His wife died about four years ago.

After coming to Farmington in 1859, where he has lived ever since except during his army service, he engaged in the tailoring business, which he followed up to ten or twelve years ago, when he retired from active business. He was a member of the Evangelistic church, one of the oldest members of St. Francis Lodge No. 481 O. O. F., and a member of Farmington Lodge No. 132 A. F. & A. M. He was a man of upright character, a good citizen and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Besides his children he leaves two brothers, William Lorenz of this place and John Lorenz of Nashville, Ill. All of his children and brothers were here to attend his funeral.

The funeral took place from the residence Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. E. Hickok conducting the services at the house, and he was laid at rest in the Masonic cemetery with the rites of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, conducted by members of St. Francis Lodge.



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## School Holiday Vacations.

The Public Schools will give a vacation for the holidays from the dismissal hour to-day (Friday) to Wednesday, January 2d.

Carlton College dismissed for the holidays on Wednesday, and will resume on Wednesday, January 2d.

Moorhart's Business College will give a holiday vacation from dismissal hour to-day to Wednesday, January 2d.

Elmwood Seminary will give a vacation from dismissal hour to-day to Wednesday, January 2d.

St. Joseph's School (Catholic) from this (Friday) afternoon to Thursday, January 3d.

Lutheran School from this afternoon to Wednesday, January 2d.

Miss Eisenberg's Music School from this afternoon to Monday morning, January 7th.

Mabel Aurine, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Esther, died Wednesday, December 12, 1906, aged three years and seven months. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James M. Means of Desloge.

It will pay you to call at Mrs. S. C. Watts' and find out the reduction that has been made on some of the stock.

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Miss Addie Stout of Neelyville attempted to cross the track in front of a moving train on the 12th, when she slipped and fell and the train passed over both her legs. She died in a short time from the effects of the shock. Eye-witnesses say that the trainmen were not to blame.

A Presbyterian church with twenty charter members has been established at Charleston.

## Santa Claus's Book.

When the evening shadows gather and the time is eight o'clock, You can hear, if you will listen, Mr. Sand Man's gentle knock. Then you'd better hustle lively—time your evening prayers were said. And each boy and girl well tucked in cozy, downy little bed. For when Mr. Sand Man's knocking sounds the signal, you may know Santa Claus is closely watching from his palace built of snow, And the children that are naughty and don't mind their ma's and pa's, Get their names down in the "Bad Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

Boys who never split the kindling, and the girls who always cry When they're asked to wash the dishes— On such boys and girls, and watches As he writes each name in sorrow on the pages of the book. And the girl who never hurries, but lets mamma do the work. And the boy who's always scheming all his little wiles to shirk— They may think no one pays notice when they don't help ma's and pa's. But their names are in the "Bad Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

But old Santa keeps a "Good Book," it's the bestest book of all. Where he writes the names of children who are prompt at duty's call. And boys who split the kindling and the girls who never shirk, But rise early in the morning and help mamma with the work. And the boys who never grumble when there's work for them to do, And the girls who help their mamma till the housework is all thru— O, they needn't ever worry when it's Christmas time, because All their names are in the "Good Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

Is your name in the "Bad Book"? Well, there's still a chance for you. And if you will listen to me, I will tell you what to do. Don't act naughty, don't talk rudely, don't be noisy, be polite, Get up early in the morning, early into bed at night.

Cheerfully perform each duty, do your work before you play, Never put off till to-morrow work that should be done to-day. If you do these things, dear children, it will please your ma's and pa's. And your names go in the "Good Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

—Will M. Maupin in The Commoner.

## Missouri Historical Review.

The State Historical Society of Missouri has just issued the first number of the Missouri Historical Review, a quarterly publication of the Society. The contents include the following articles of interest and value on various phases of the history of the west and of Missouri: The Romance of Western History, by Professor E. G. Bourne of Yale University; Thomas Hart Benton, by Judge T. J. C. Fagg of Pike county; The Beginnings of Missouri Legislation, by Dr. Isidor Loeb of Columbia; Early Settlements in Missouri, by Professor E. M. Violette of Kirksville; Genealogy of the Lincoln, Hanks and Boone families, by President H. E. Robinson of Maryville; Bibliography of Official Publications of Missouri in 1906, by Mr. F. A. Sampson, Secretary of the Society. There are also Notes and News as to historical societies, etc. The purpose of the publication is to stimulate an interest in the history of the State and in the preservation of historical material and to furnish an opportunity for the publication of papers on all aspects of the history and development of Missouri. The Review is sent to all members of the Society. Any person may become a member upon application to the Secretary, Mr. F. A. Sampson, Columbia, Missouri, and the payment of the annual subscription of \$1.00.

Puxico is another Southeast town which does not like the colored man, and he is not allowed to stay in the town. Recently one of the hotels hired a negro porter, but he was given to understand that he could not live there.

Mrs. Mary Ann Kreidler died at her home in River Aux Vases on the 30th ult., aged 88 years. She left two sons and twenty grand-children.

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Elias Rigby, opposition candidate for State's attorney..... Barton H. Boyer  
Riley Cleaver, editor of "The Patriot"..... Fielding McCormick  
Wilson Prewitt, editor of "The Banner"..... Arthur Calverd  
Jupiter Pettaway, manager life and drum corps..... Robert E. Hill  
Sassafras Livingston, a local tough of color..... Dr. E. B. Barrow  
Jefferson Briscoe, store box orator..... H. W. Giessing  
Uncle Eck Millbury, an old settler..... Robert Forsythe  
Vance Jimmison, the store keeper..... John Hopkins  
Joe Whittaker, a wind mill agent..... Percy E. Davis  
Cal Barvas, the station agent..... Emmett Ashbury  
"Chub" Tolliver, the smart boy..... J. W. Dobbins  
Amos Whitney..... D. J. Doughty, Jr.  
Clabe Overton..... Emmett Ashbury  
Dawson Montgomery..... Arthur Calverd  
Lucy Rigby, daughter of Elias Rigby..... Miss Robbie Pipkin  
Mrs. Elias Rigby..... Mrs. J. W. Dobbins  
Mrs. Jefferson Briscoe, who keeps the boarding house..... Mrs. G. A. Tetley  
Lorena Watkins, the milliner..... Mrs. John F. Porter  
"Chick" Elzey, an orphan employed at the boarding house..... Miss Alma Smith

## SYNOPSIS.

ACT I—August—In front of Jimmison's store, Main street, the day of the convention.

ACT II—September—The Court House grove. The opening of the campaign.

ACT III—October—Hackler's law office, four days before election.

ACT IV—November—Town Hall on election night. Getting the returns.

Tickets for The County Chairman go on sale next Monday morning, Dec. 24th, at 9 o'clock, not one minute before, at Laakman's Drug Store. Be there and get yours.

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